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WINTER WHEAT was reported as 14% excellent, 71% good, and 15% fair. Winter wheat in most areas was reported to be growing well.

OATS seeding is about 85% complete, compared with 4% last year and the 5-year average (1976-80) of 25%. Dry field conditions and warm weather have increased the progress of fieldwork.

ALFALFA was reported as 6% excellent, 60% good, and 34% fair.

PLOWING for 1981 CORN and SOYBEAN acreage is about 92% complete, compared with 72% last year and the 5-year average of 70%.

PASTURES were reported as 1% excellent, 38% good, 54% fair, and 7% poor. Pastures are supplying about 25% of the livestock roughage requirements, compared with 10% last year and a 5-year average of 18%.

SOIL MOISTURE was reported as 1% adequate and 99% short.

FIELDWORK: There were 6.00 DAYS SUITABLE for FIELDWORK during the week ending April 3.

MAIN ACTIVITIES were preparing machinery for spring fieldwork, caring for livestock, cleaning feedlots, and applying fertilizer and herbicides. Few fields of corn were planted.

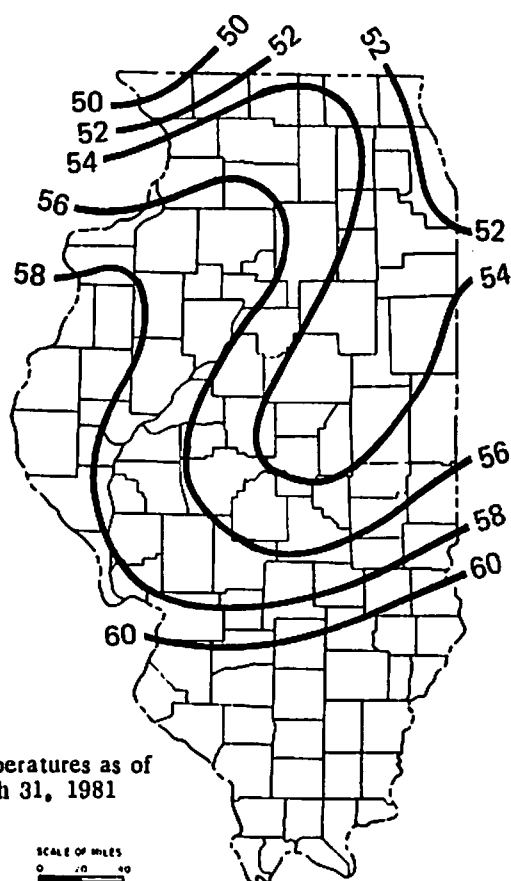
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TEMPERATURES for the period of March 30 - April 5, 1981 averaged 8 degrees to 15 degrees above normal as a warm trend continued over the State for the second straight week. Several new maximum temperature records were set as readings climbed into the 80's.

PRECIPITATION was scattered as amounts ranged from less than .10 of an inch in the west and northwest sections to .30 of an inch in the central and southern areas. Local heavy rainfall fell in the extreme Northwest and extreme South where more than one inch was recorded.

The OUTLOOK for the period of April 7 - 14 is for above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation toward the end of the period.

4" MAX TEMPERATURE  
UNDER BARE SOIL



Temperatures as of  
March 31, 1981

ILLINOIS CROP REPORTING DISTRICT SUMMARY

	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for fieldwork: (week ending Apr. 3)	6.5	7.0	6.0	5.5	6.0	5.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.0
Soil Moisture %:										
(as of Apr. 3) Short	100	100	100	93	100	100	100	100	100	99
Adequate	--	--	--	7	--	--	--	--	--	1
Surplus	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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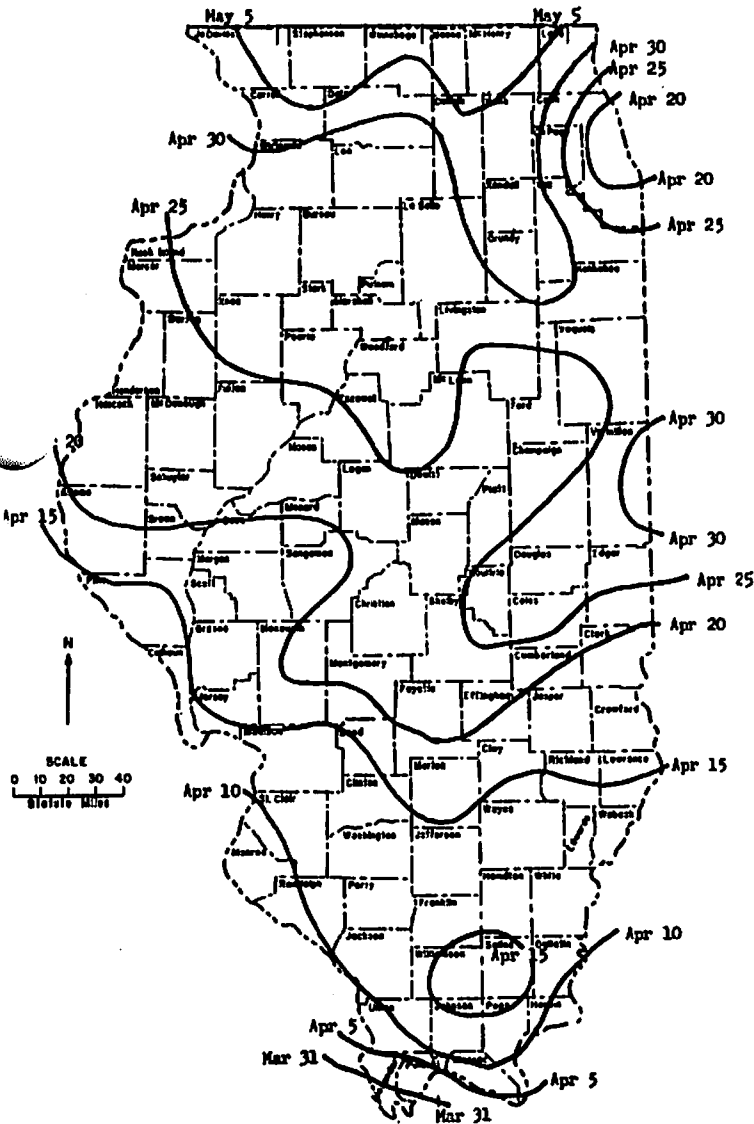
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MONTHLY AND WEEKLY TEMPERATURE DEPARTURES IN DEGREES

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March 30-April 5
Chicago	+1	+1	-1	+2	+11
Moline	+1	0	+1	+2	+10
Springfield	0	+1	-1	+2	+15
So. Central	+1	+2	-3	+2	+11

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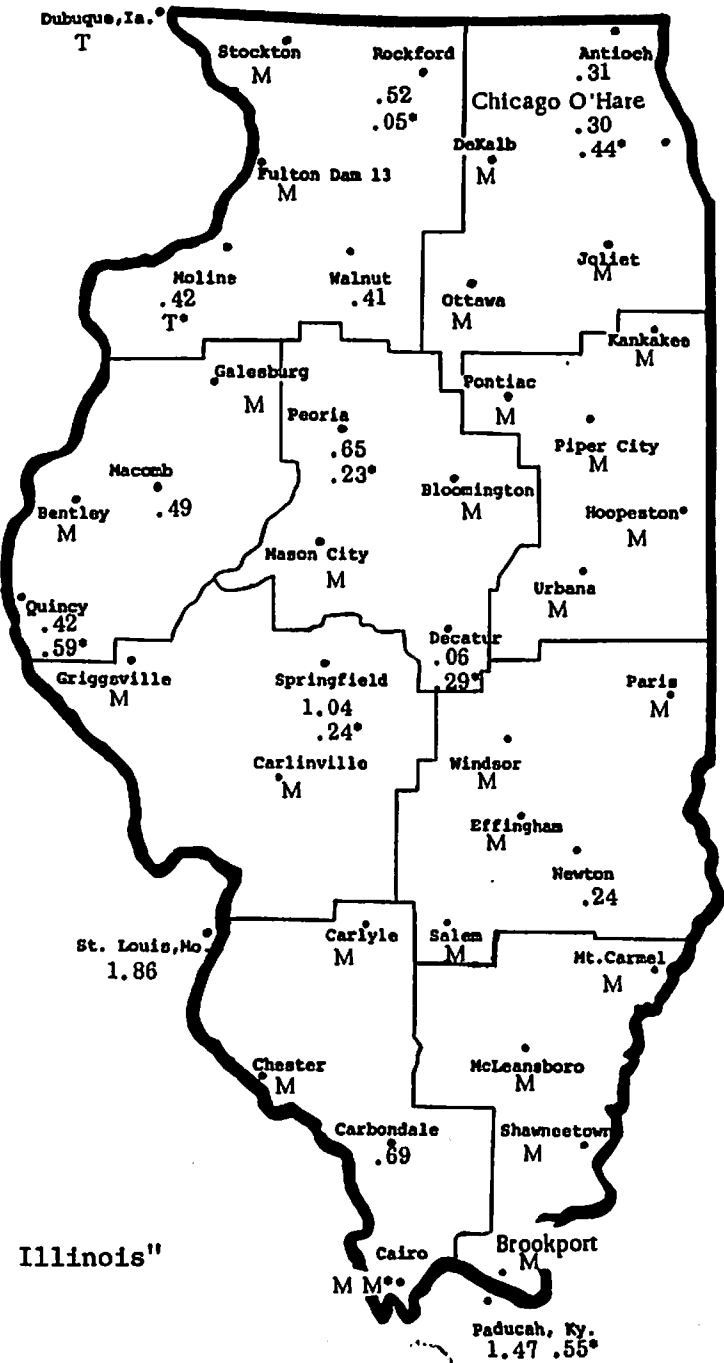
AVERAGE DATE OF LAST SPRING FREEZE (12°F or below)



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## PRECIPITATION:

Note: First figure--current week, 3/27-4/2  
Asterisk--Friday-Sunday  
M--Missing. T--Trace.



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